



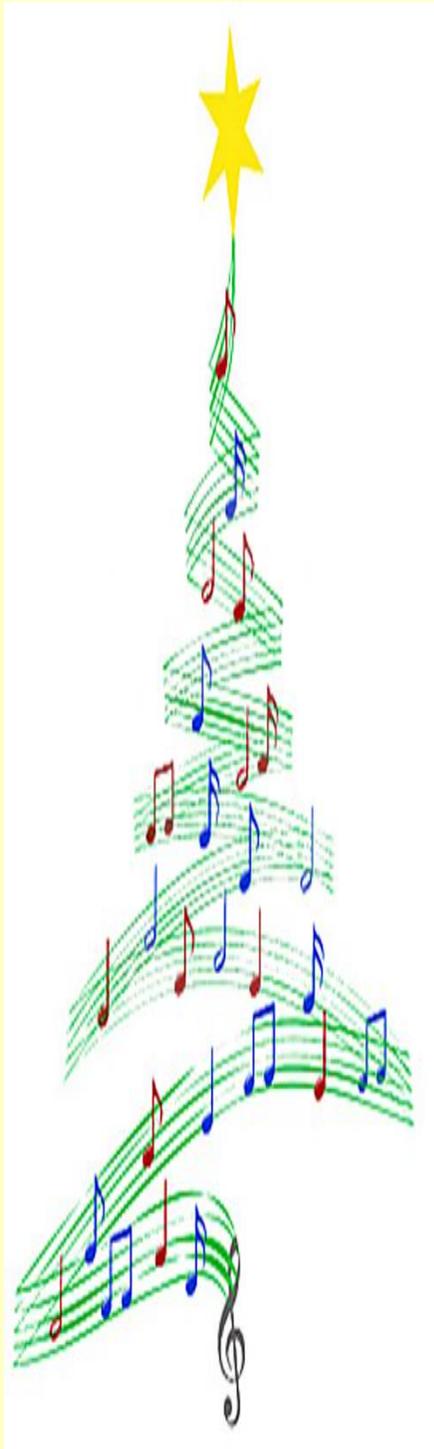
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Retired Public Employees' Association

Chapter 33 – Area VI

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You're invited to our Musical Holiday Luncheon!

When? Tuesday, December 11, 2018
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where? Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church
1900 North "D" St., San Bernardino

Important!

Reservations are required by Monday, Dec. 3.

Phone June at 909-583-1082 or email Linda at lindaandwes@aol.com. Be sure to give us the name and phone number for each person who will attend. Our catering order must be accurate, so RSVP before the Dec. 3 deadline! Don't delay!

Holiday menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Peas with Pearl Onions, Cranberry-Orange Salad, Rolls with Butter, Choice of Apple or Pumpkin Pie.

Lunch prices:

Member \$5

Member's spouse or caregiver (if needed) \$5

Guest of member or additional family member \$10

Member with lapsed dues: \$10

Non-member:

First time free; second time \$5; thereafter \$10

Feel free to dress up in holiday attire!

Entertainer: *Jacob Pohlsander, singer*

(See page 2 for details.)



WELCOME
Chapter 33
New Members!

Renee Daetwiler	Redlands
Darlene Jones	Fontana
Kathy Patereau	Fontana
Karen Proctor	Grand Terrace
Elaine Richards	Pennsylvania
Donna Siler	Highland

2019 CHAPTER ELECTION

Just to remind you, our chapter 2019 Nominating Committee will be making contacts with members we know would be great officers. Terms begin in June 2019. **Please be prepared to say “YES” and join our leadership team!**

All new officers are provided with the training, resources and help needed to be successful. The Board meets one month ahead of each quarterly luncheon. With a full Board, no one is overworked.

Let us know if you are interested in being on our Board. We love people who volunteer!

One reason why Chapter 33 is so successful is because of our volunteers, including our great phone committee!

WE WORK AS A TEAM!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ENTERTAINER

Come enjoy the singing talents of **JACOB POHLSANDER!** With over 15 years of singing experience, he currently resides in Redlands where he attends the university as a master’s student in Vocal Performance. He has performed roles ranging from musical theater to opera, including *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Gondoliers*, *The Mikado*, *Carmen*, *Dido and Aeneas*, and the operetta *The Polite Abductress*. He has performed with the Phoenix Boys Choir in Arizona, the Ahmadi Music Group in Kuwait, the Southwest Symphony, and the Orchestra of Southern Utah. Last year he sang as one of the three kings in the University of Redland’s Feast of Lights. This holiday season, you will see him dressed up in a fancy costume as he goes caroling around the Inland Empire with the Desert Carolers. **He will fill our hall with beautiful music!**



In Remembrance...

Helen Fort	Highland
Jan Vansyoc	Oregon

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MEET OUR NEW RPEA AREA DIRECTOR!

Jim Anderson may look familiar because he's been an RPEA leader at the state level since 2008. After retiring in 1985 from the position of Executive Officer for the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board in Riverside, he resumed law practice with the firm of Brunick, Alvarez and Battersby in San Bernardino, representing several public water agencies and private companies in Southern California dealing with issues involving the California Environmental Quality Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and public employees' labor issues. Jim joined RPEA in 2006, was appointed to the State Legislative Committee in 2008 and served two terms as RPEA State Director of Legislation. He currently is President of Riverside's RPEA Chapter 15 and recently accepted appointment as Area Director VI which covers chapters in Bishop, Ridgecrest, Victorville, San Bernardino, Indio, Yucaipa, Riverside and Hemet. With his wife Rosalie, Jim divides residency between Riverside and Santa Cruz. They have five children and seven grandchildren. Jim can be contacted by email at waynesix@aol.com.

OUR NEW SUNSHINE CHAIR

Meet **Kathy Pollard**, our newest Chapter 33 Board member. She will be "spreading sunshine" by keeping us connected with birthday cards and get well wishes. Retired from Patton State Hospital in Highland with 37 years of full-time service, her first 17 years were spent as a Psych Tech on the units, then followed by her years as an RN in the Clinic areas. She says her happiest times are with family and friends. Look at her smile—she's spreading sunshine already!



UPDATE: LONG-TERM CARE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST CALPERS

As a reaction to 2014 rate hikes of as much as 85%, affected policy holders who were given options to take reduced benefits subsequently became members of a class action lawsuit. Those who decided to take a reduced benefit option were also included. Towers Watson, in their part of the lawsuit, has already mailed out individual checks as a partial settlement. CalPERS' motion to decertify the Class was denied, which means the case against CalPERS goes forward with a 30-day trial likely to begin in June 2019. For additional information as the lawsuit progresses, go to calpersclassactionlawsuit.com.

CALPERS LOOKS AT PRIVATE EQUITY FOR GREATER INVESTMENT RETURNS

RPEA concerns about the "funded status" of the CalPERS pension fund, which has been stalled at about 70% for two years, have been recognized (based on a recent report from the CalPERS CEO), and Investment Committee effort is being intensified. One initiative is to embark upon a private equity venture that would make CalPERS the general partner which makes the return on investment much better. A separate board would govern this private equity entity. This new approach to investing has not been implemented, but it will probably be approved for an early 2019 start date. Achieving high returns on investments has been more difficult in recent years, so innovative measures are needed to enhance conventional investment methods.

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**CHAPTER 33
LUNCHEON MEETINGS
SAVE THESE 2019 DATES!**

**MARCH 12
JUNE 11
SEPTEMBER 10
DECEMBER 10**

Dates will be confirmed in the chapter newsletter prior to meetings.

Membership applications are available at luncheons, online at rpea.com or by phoning June Copple (Membership Chair) at 909-583-1082 to have a recruitment packet mailed to you or to a potential member.

We need to seek wise leaders who will seek common ground among Americans instead of dividing us further for political gain. As citizens, we must embrace those who embrace ideas, thoughtfulness, civility and kindness to others no matter what their political beliefs.

James McGreevy

Worrying is like a rocking chair.
It gives you something to do,
but it gets you nowhere.

Glenn Turner



**Feel free to bring a guest to a luncheon—
someone who might be interested in joining RPEA.**

We are California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of our members' lives by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits. RPEA members include retirees, beneficiaries, currently-employed public employees, friends, family members, and others who share our goals. Everyone is welcome!